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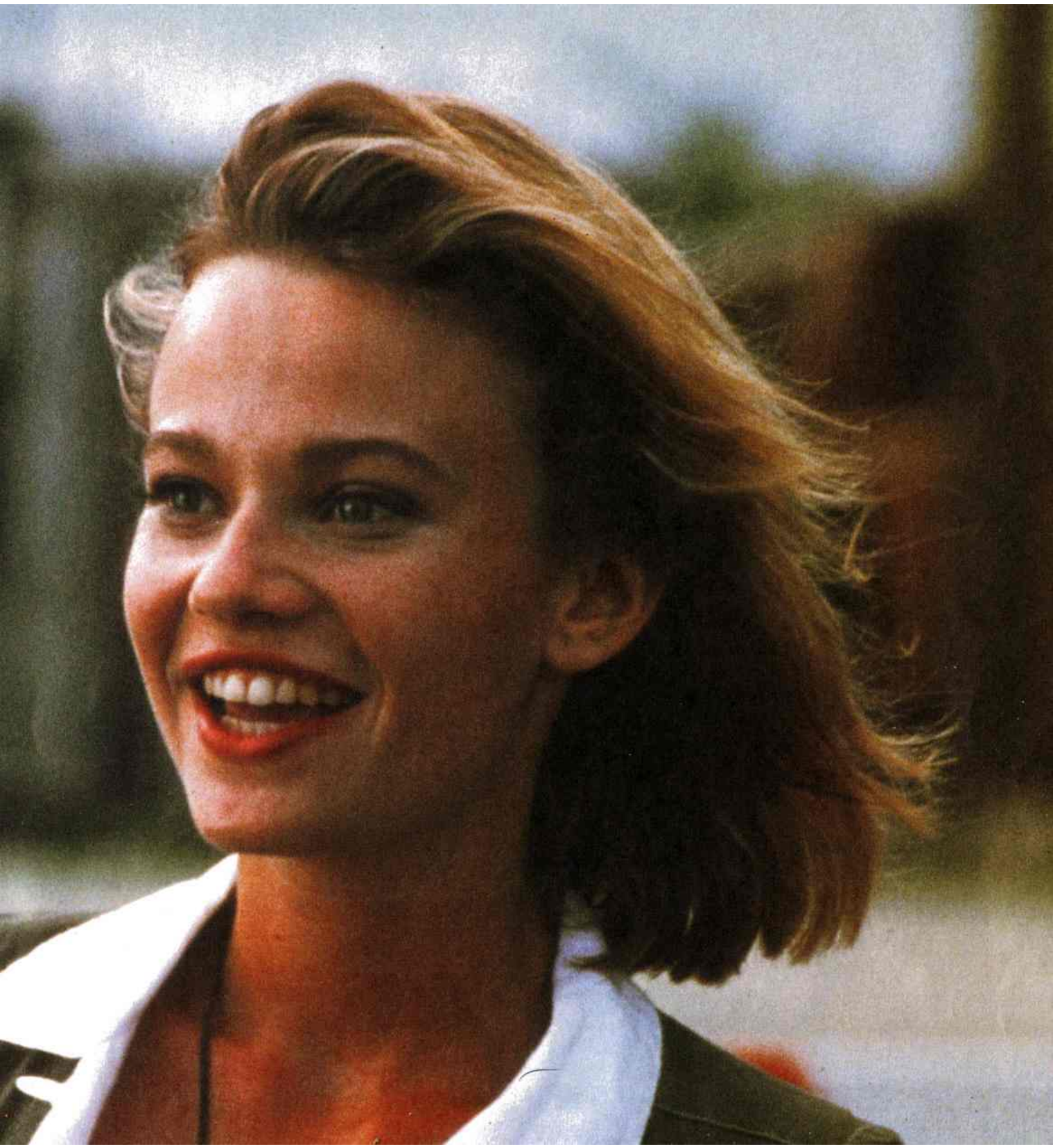
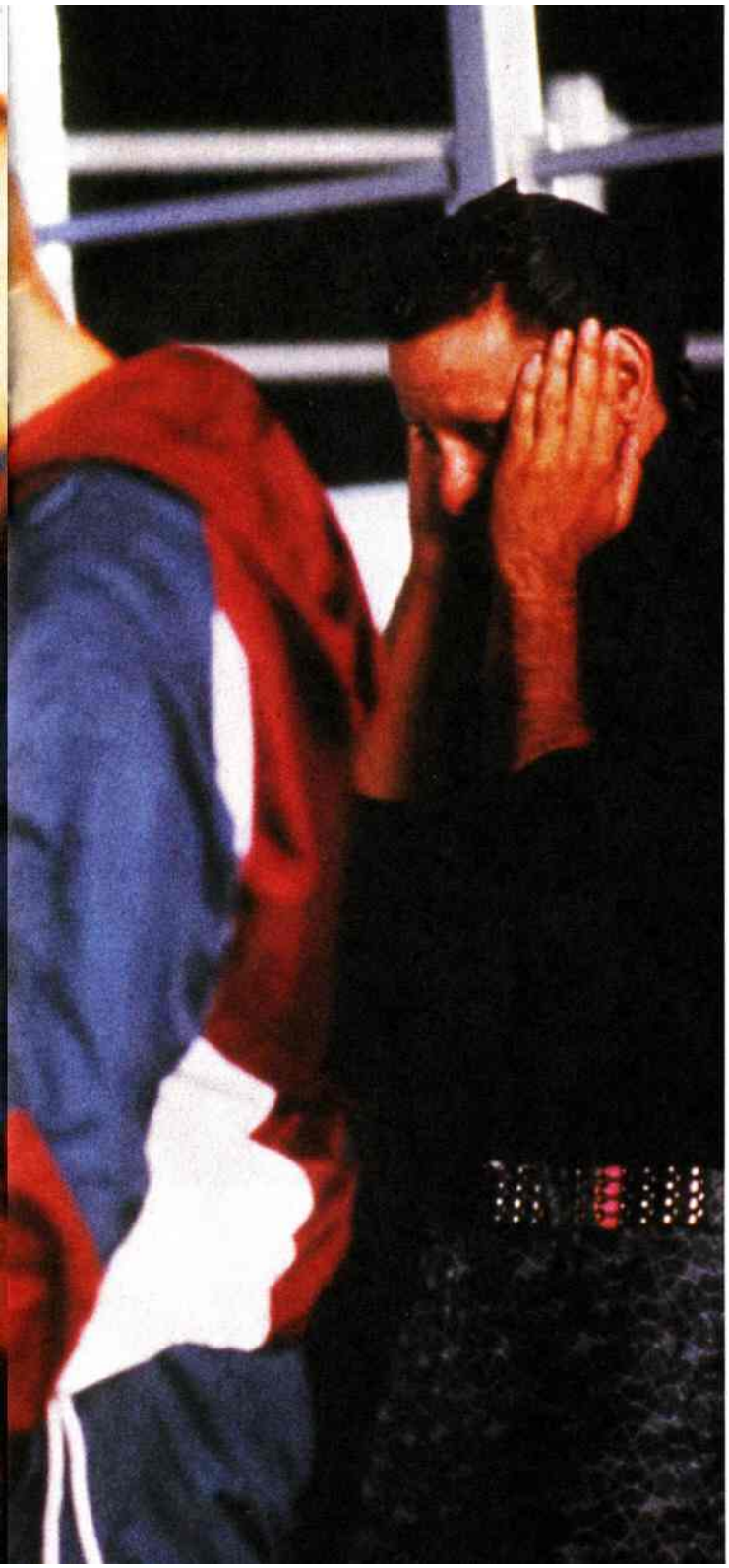
Not so long ago, in a place known as Brooklyn, there lived a young woman named Daisy. Daisy was an archaeologist—a person who studies the past by digging for remains that have long been buried.

Daisy always wore a crystal pendant around her neck. She didn't know it, but she was really a princess from another world. Her pendant was the only thing that could bring the two worlds together.

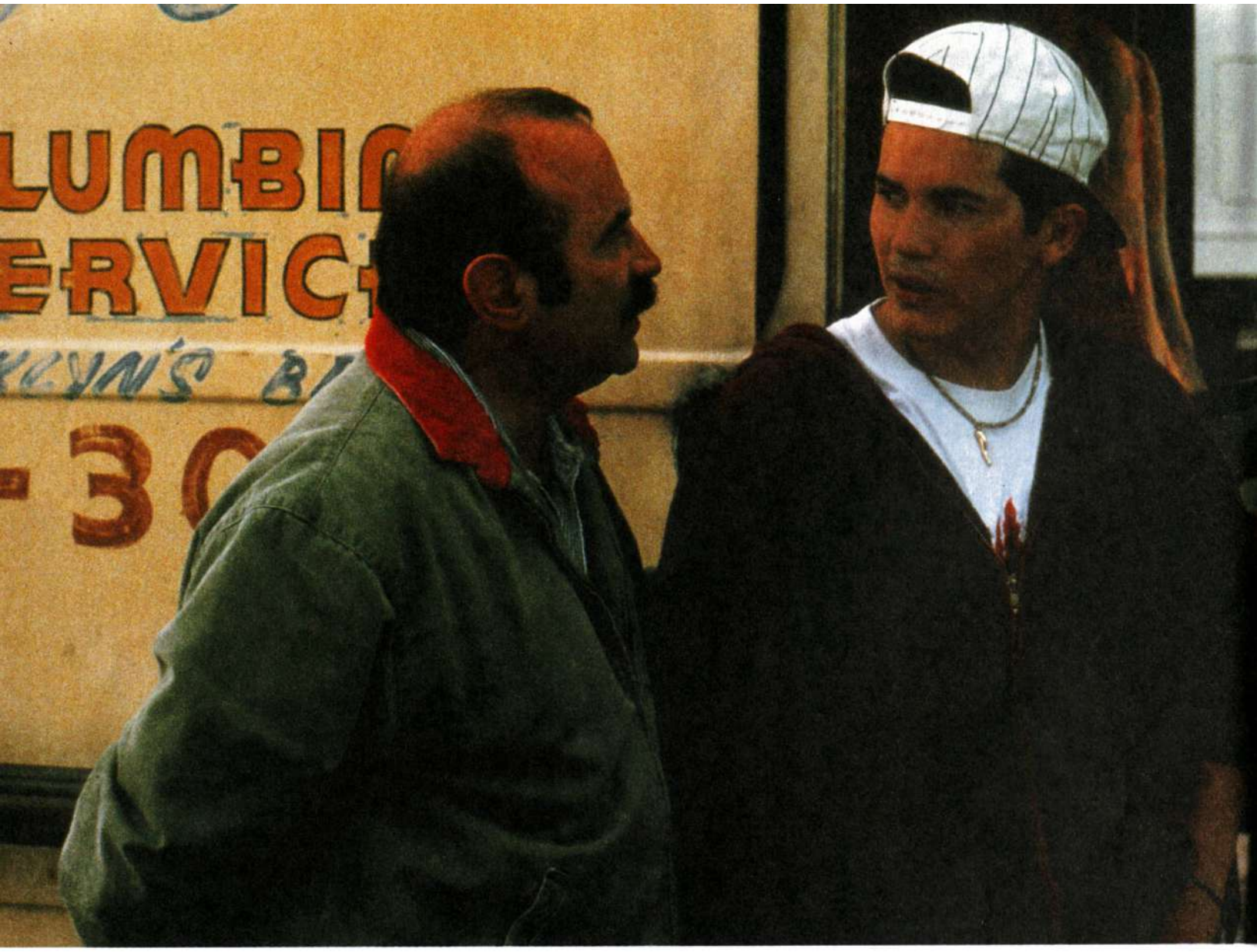




Meanwhile, in the other world, an evil man named Koopa was making plans. With him were Iggy and Spike, his loyal followers.

Koopa knew all about Princess Daisy.

"I want you guys to find the princess and bring her to me," said Koopa. "I need her crystal to unite our world with the Earth. Then I will rule *both* worlds! Get me the princess!" he ordered.



Back on Earth, Daisy discovered that the tunnel in which she had been digging was quickly filling up with water. She called in her two friends, Mario Mario and Luigi Mario, the best plumbers in Brooklyn.

In the tunnel, Daisy and the Mario brothers discovered they weren't alone. Iggy and Spike were there waiting! The evil pair grabbed Daisy and dragged her toward a gateway to the other world.

"Let go of me!" Daisy yelled.

Luigi and Mario watched in horror as Daisy disappeared through the gateway. Luigi tried to grab her, but he caught only the crystal hanging from her neck.

"We must save Daisy!" cried Luigi.

Luigi and Mario jumped through the gateway after Daisy.

They found themselves in a strange-looking city that was covered with thick yellow fungus. Daisy was nowhere in sight.

Just then a woman named Big Bertha ran up to the Mario brothers. Bertha snatched Daisy's crystal from Luigi and rushed off!

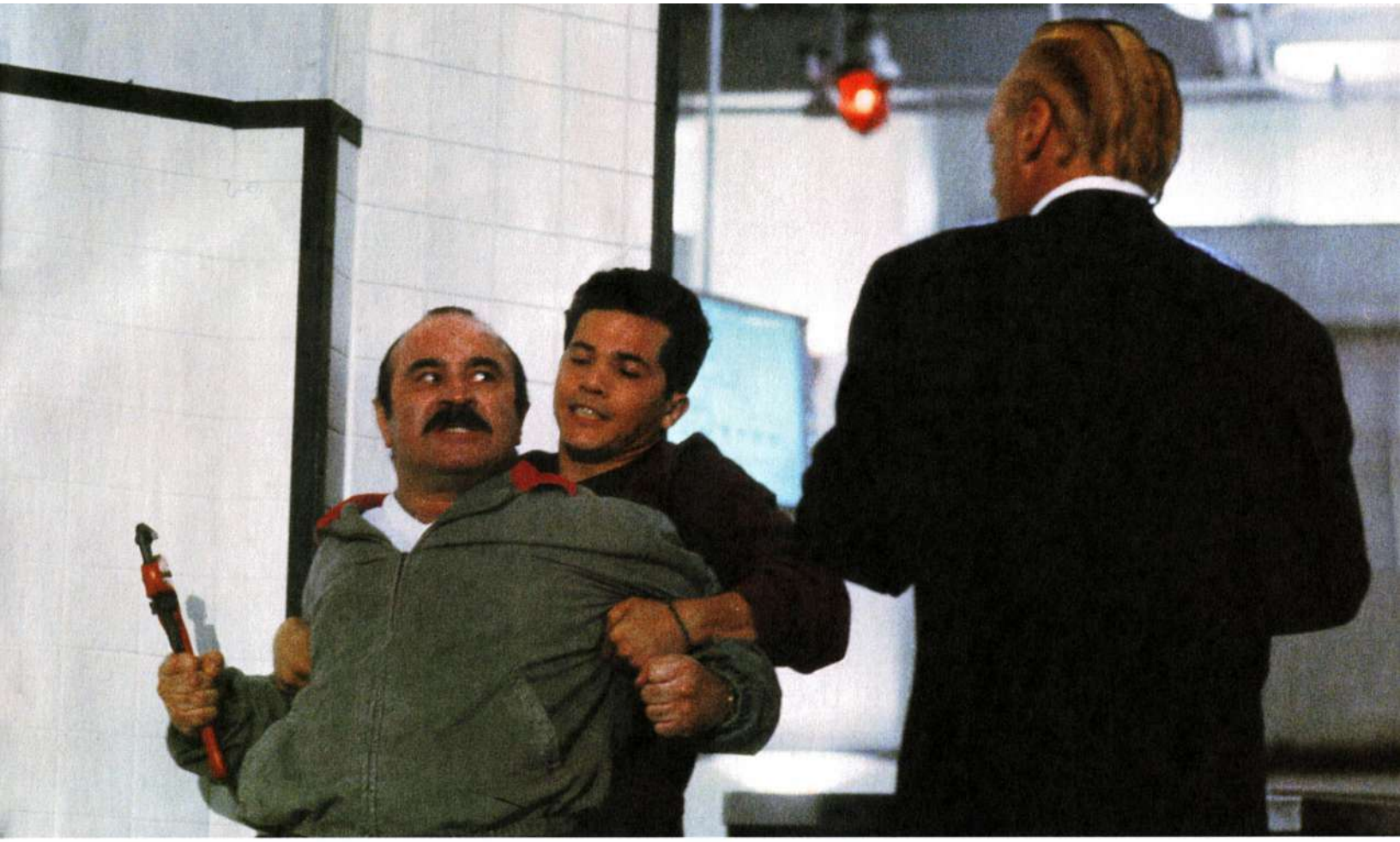
Meanwhile Iggy and Spike brought Daisy to Koopa's headquarters. Koopa's nasty girlfriend, Lena, was with him.

"You nabbed the right girl," said Koopa, "but you lost the crystal. Where is it?"

"Some plumbers took it," Spike said.

"Bring me those plumbers!" Koopa commanded.

Daisy didn't like Koopa, but she made friends with his pet tyrannosaur, Yoshi. Yoshi didn't like being Koopa's prisoner any more than Daisy did.



After a long search, Iggy and Spike finally rounded up the Mario brothers and brought them to Koopa. When questioned, Mario told him that the crystal had been stolen, but Koopa didn't believe him.

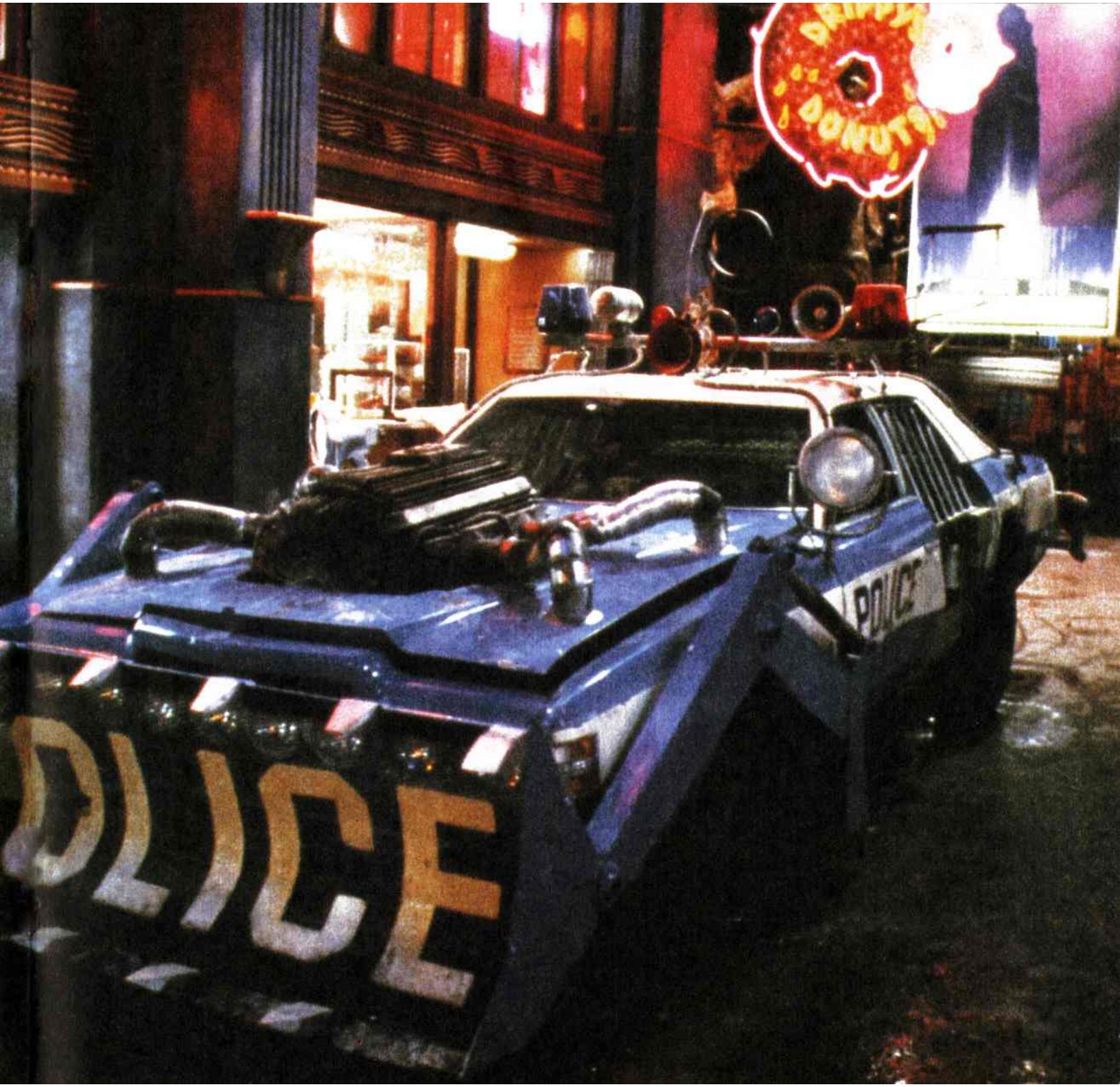
"Give me that crystal or I'll turn you into slime!" Koopa warned.

Koopa had created a de-evolution machine that could change anyone into their most primitive form—slime. It had turned King Bowser, Daisy's father, into the fungus that now covered the city. The machine could also make people very intelligent, but Koopa didn't tell Mario that.

"We're outta here!" said the Mario brothers, starting to run. They knocked over Koopa and flew past his soldiers. Once outside the building, they jumped into a parked police car and sped away.

"Which way should I go?" yelled Mario, clutching the wheel.

"There's a tunnel up ahead," said Luigi. "Let's go through it."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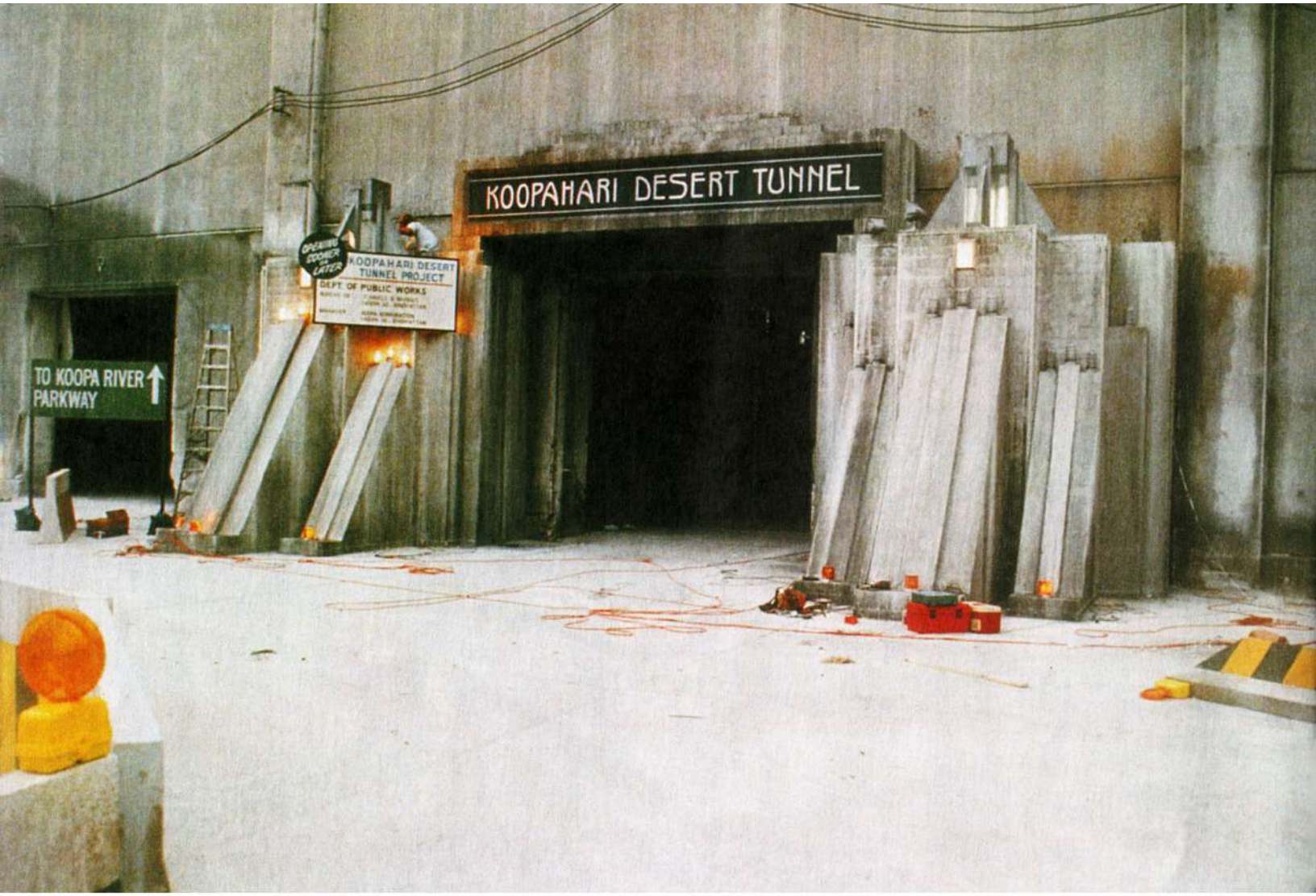


Mario and Luigi sped through the tunnel. But at the end of it was a two-hundred-foot drop!

"I can't stop!" Mario screamed as the police car shot out into the air.

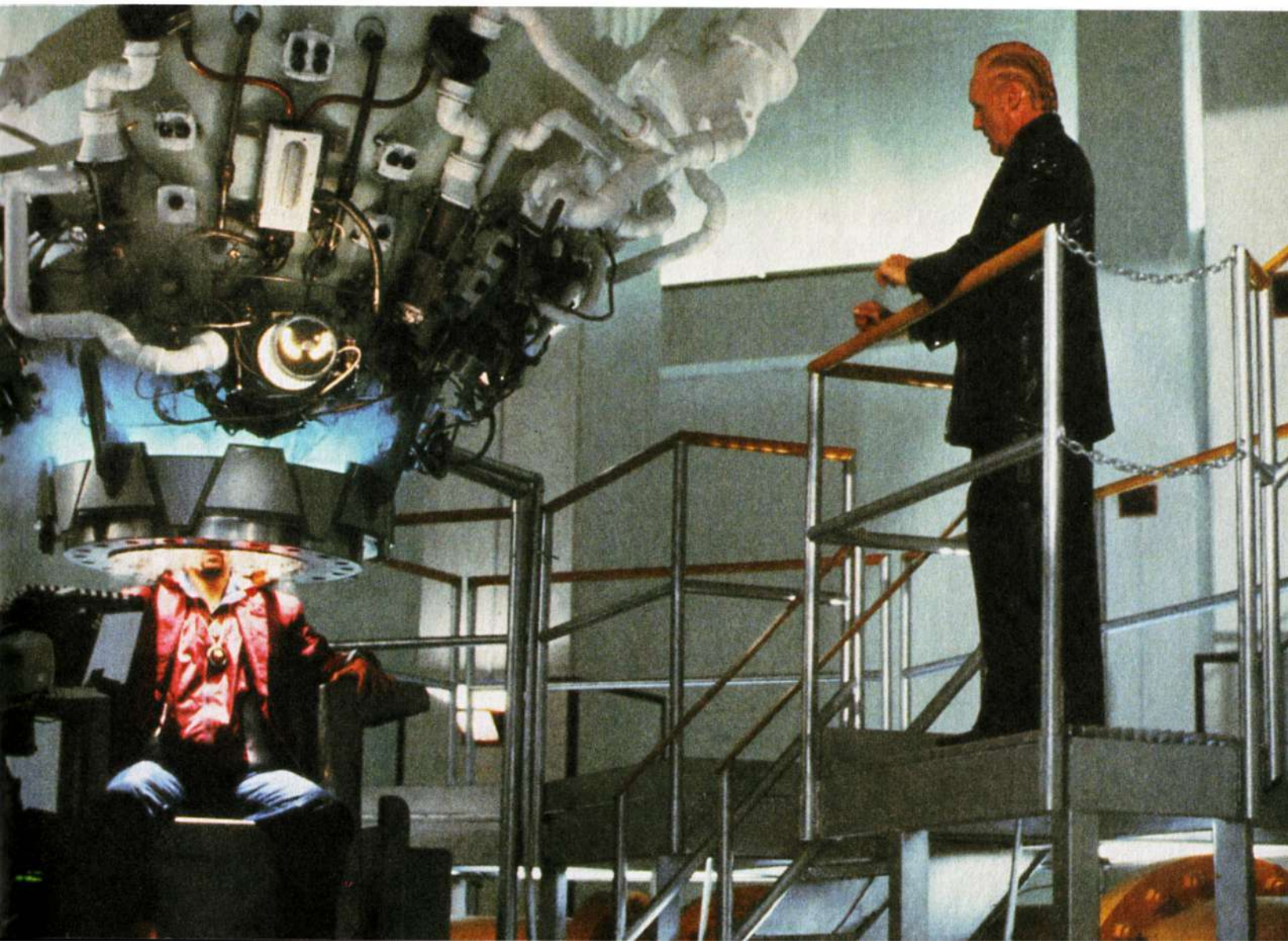
Down, down, down they fell. Just before they hit bottom, a strand of the royal fungus that covered the city wrapped around their tires. The fungus slowed their fall, and soon they came to a gentle halt in the middle of a desert.

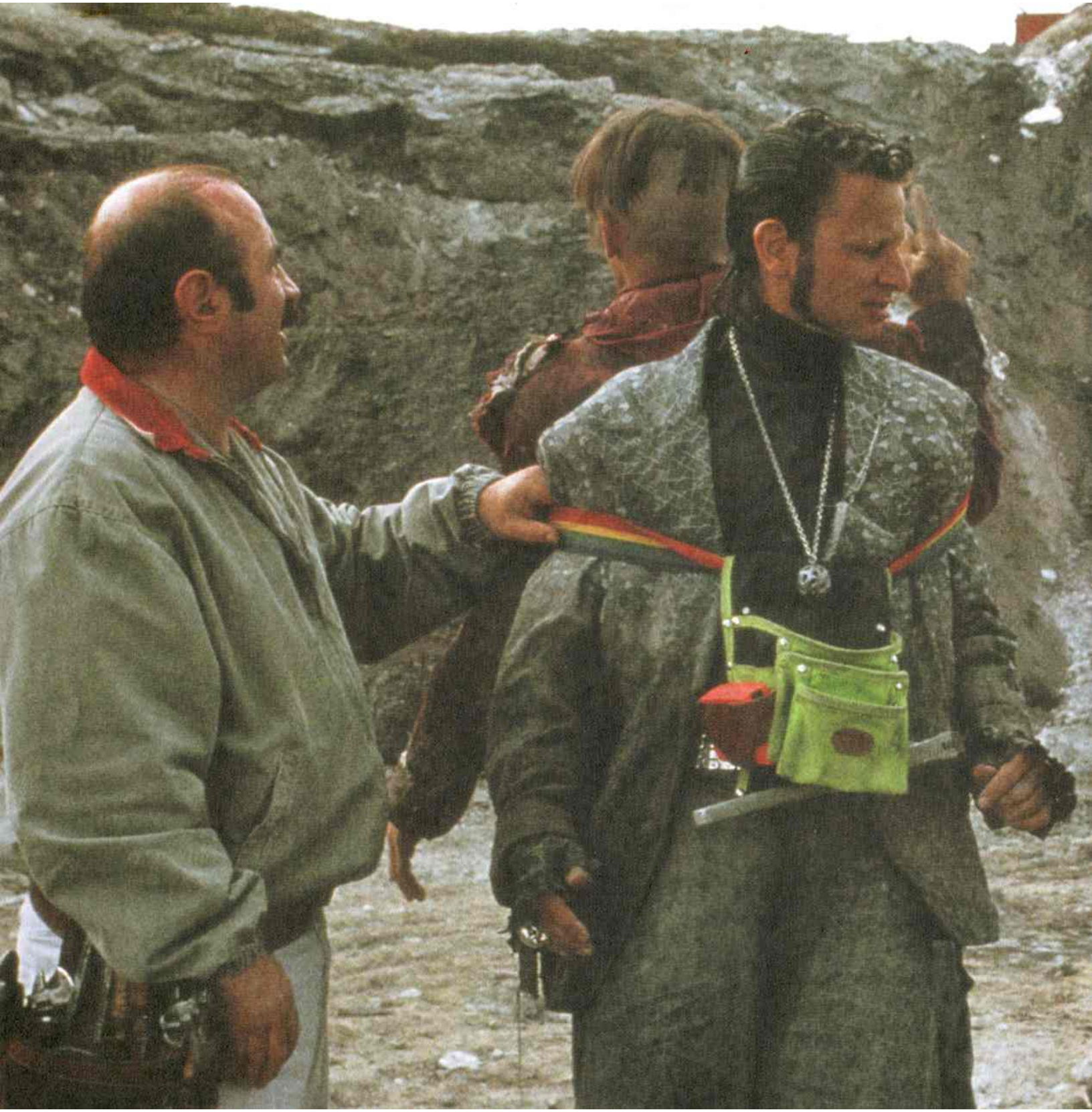
Back at headquarters, Koopa was still fuming.

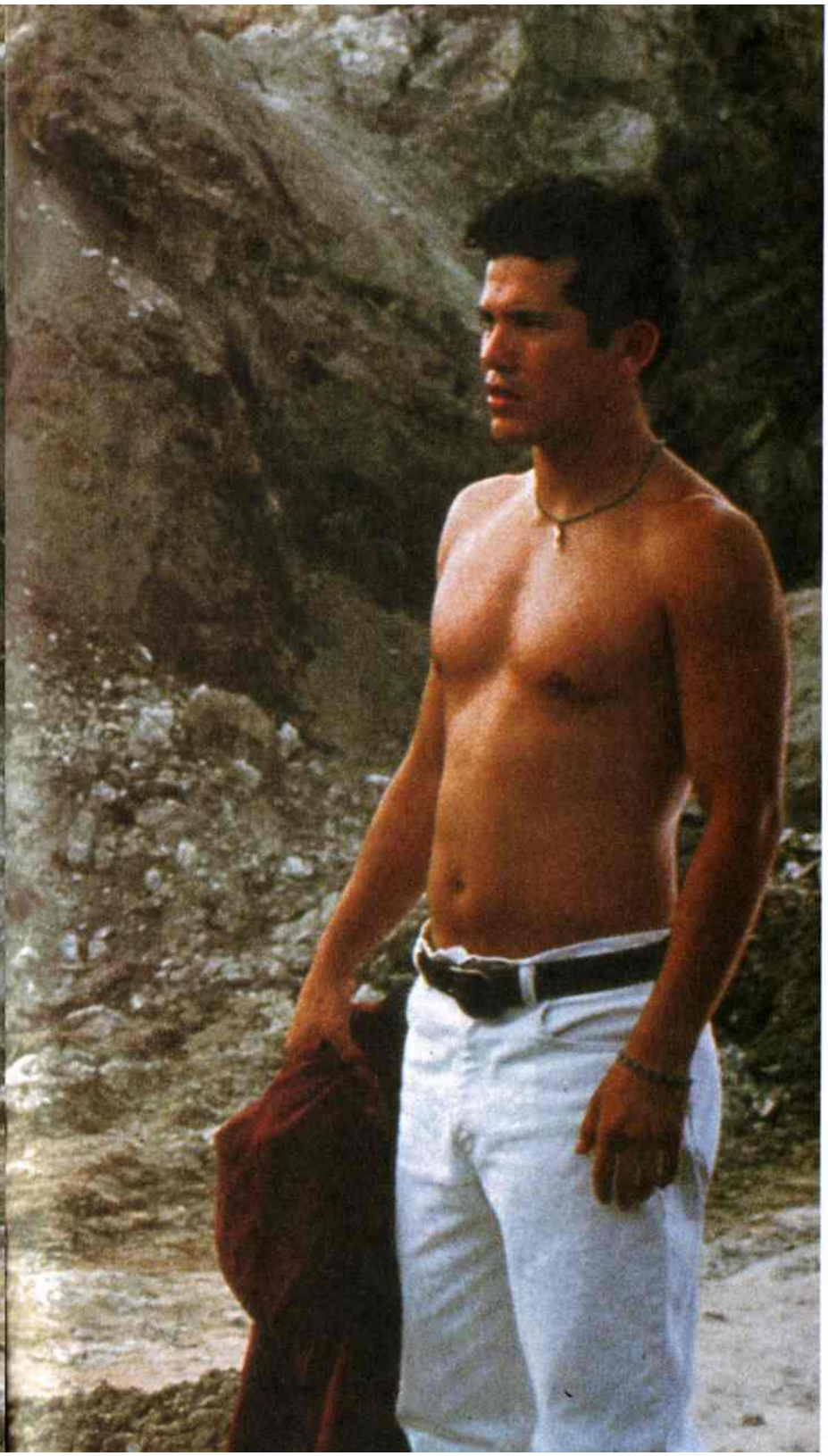
"You numskulls!" he screamed. "How could you let those plumbers escape?"

"Sorry, boss," said Iggy and Spike, cringing. "We'll find them. We promise."

But Koopa couldn't afford to let those two fail again. So he set the controls on his weird machine and made Iggy and Spike very smart.







Iggy and Spike were now smart enough to find Mario and Luigi. They were even smart enough to avoid the tunnel and get to the desert by a safer route.

But the two plumbers were still smarter! When Iggy and Spike arrived in the desert, they were immediately captured by Mario and Luigi.

"They're the creeps who stole Daisy!" Luigi said.

But now Iggy and Spike were too smart to be evil. They offered to help rescue Daisy.

"Maybe we can trade the crystal for Daisy," Luigi suggested. "Let's try and get it back from Big Bertha."

The Mario brothers and Iggy and Spike set off to find Big Bertha. They found her dancing in a nightclub.

Mario joined Bertha on the dance floor.

"Hey, Bertha, remember me?" Mario asked. Soon he had Bertha talking and laughing. She never even noticed when he carefully stole the crystal.

Just then Lena stormed in with a troop of Koopa's Goombas. The Goombas were Koopa's elite royal guard. They had little lizard heads and great big bodies. And they weren't very smart.

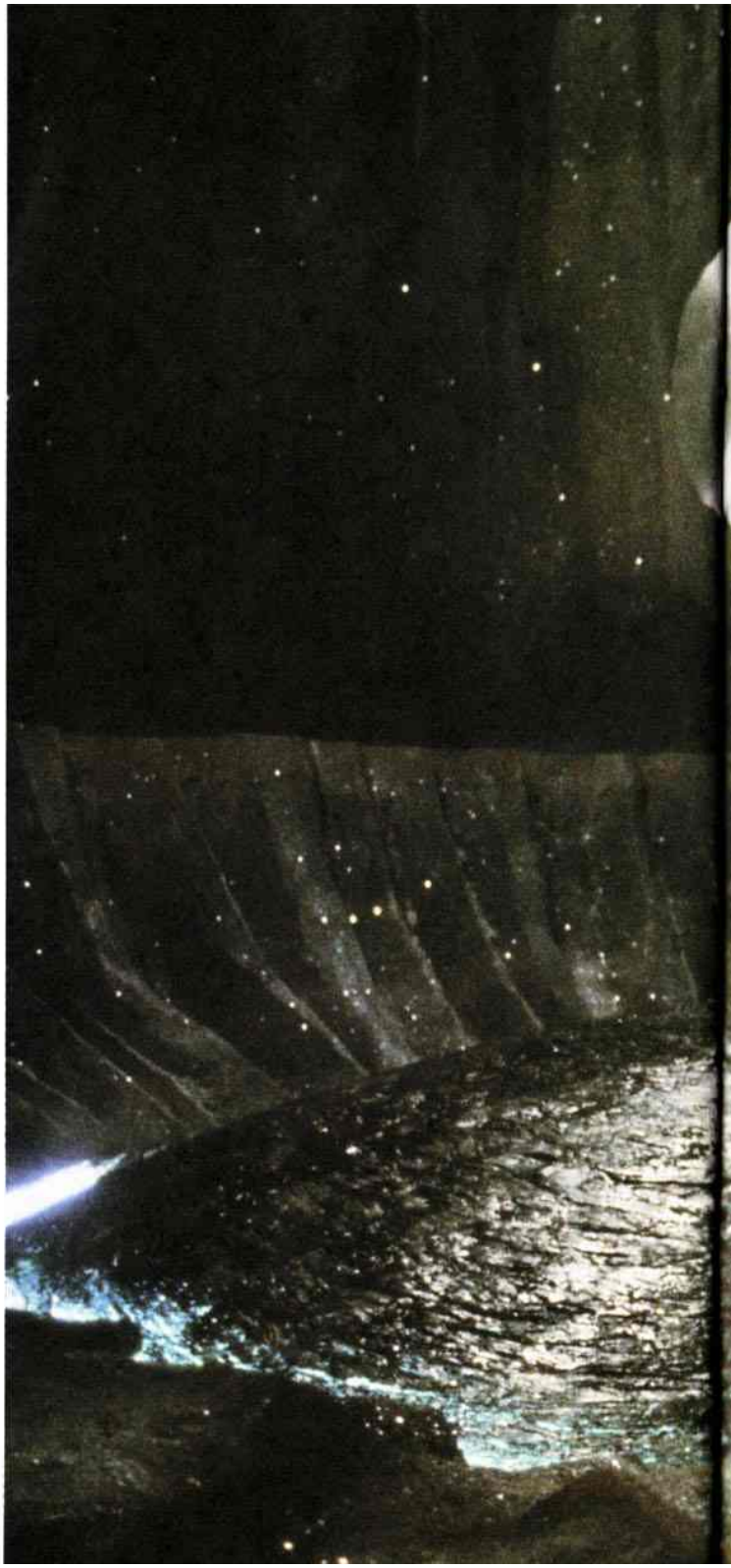
Lena grabbed the crystal out of Mario's hand and ran out of the club with the Goombas.

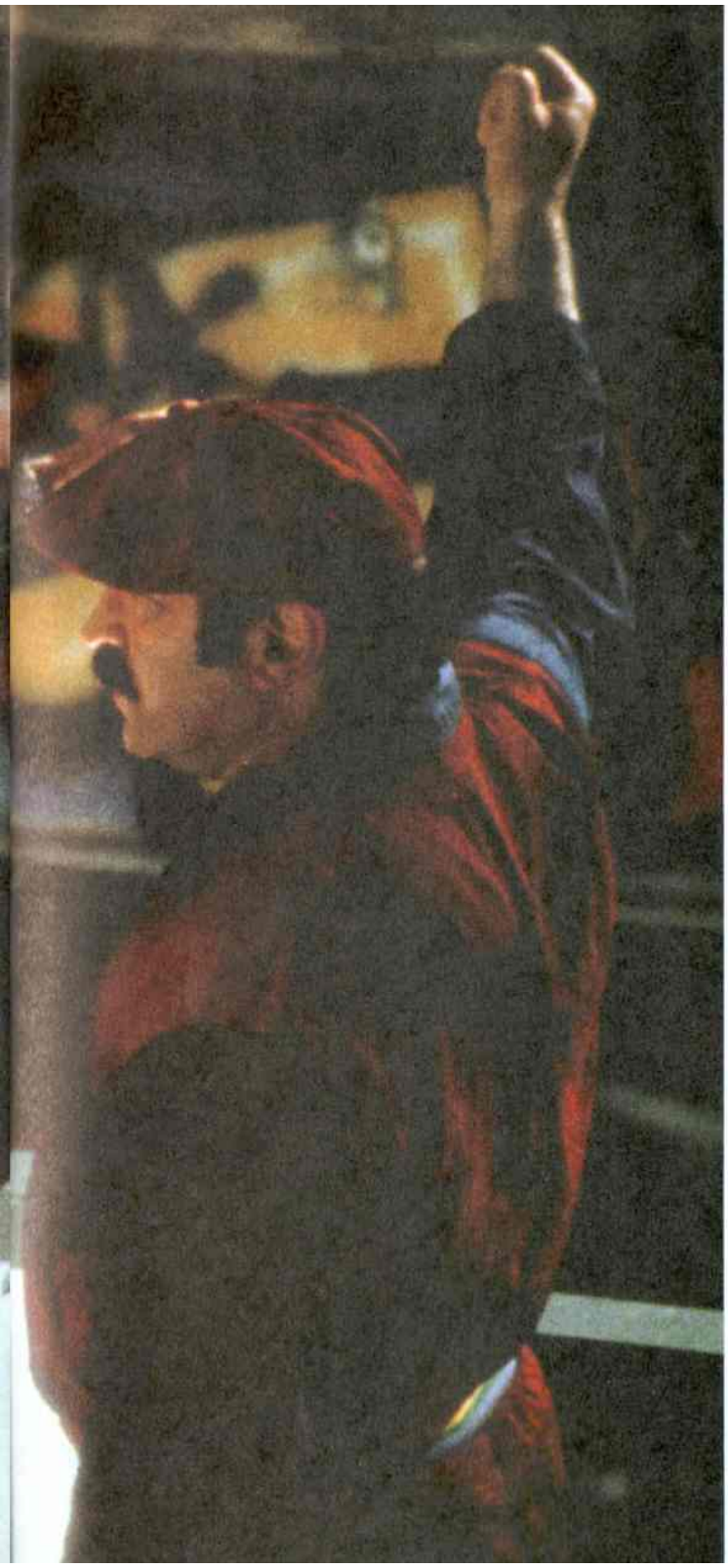
"Follow her!" cried Luigi. "We need to get the crystal back so we can save Daisy!"

Luigi, Mario, Iggy, and Spike ran out of the nightclub after Lena and the Goombas. They followed them through the slimy city streets until they came to a large meteorite. The huge rock had fallen from space long ago, and now lay in front of the gateway to Earth.

There they saw Koopa. And Daisy was with him!

Lena put the crystal into the meteorite. A high-pitched hum filled the air. The human world and Koopa's world slowly began to merge.



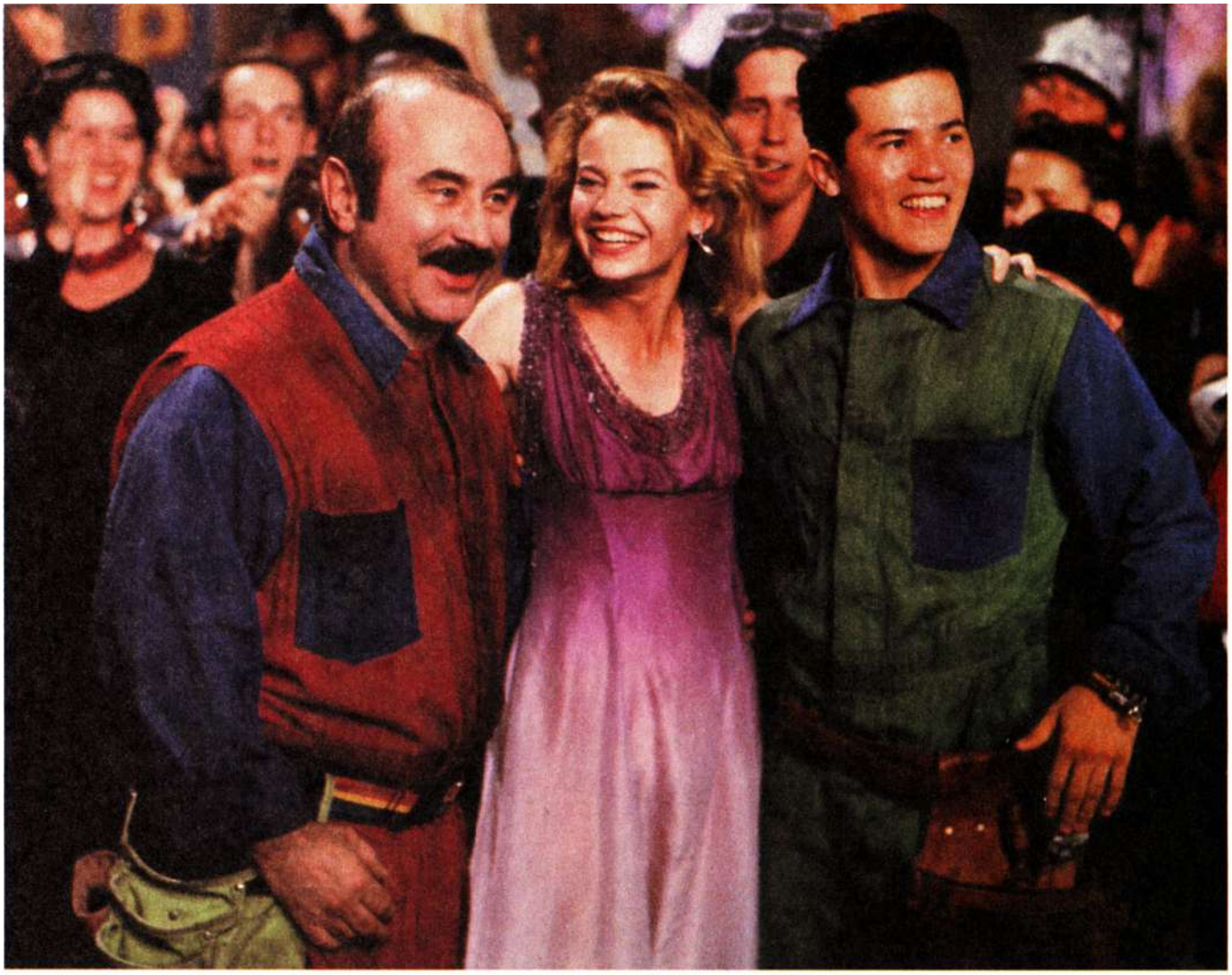


Daisy scrambled onto the meteorite and said, "We have to get the crystal out!"

"No way," said Koopa. "Now I can rule *both* worlds!"

Koopa and Mario fought. Mario grabbed a weapon from one of the Goombas. The special weapon, which worked like Koopa's de-evolution machine, could change anyone into slime.

"See you later, alligator!" Mario said as he pressed the button. Koopa melted into a puddle of slime. At last his evil reign was over.



But the two worlds had almost become one. Luigi and Daisy struggled to pull the crystal from the meteorite. Finally they yanked it free. The two worlds separated again.

Luigi wanted Daisy to return to the human world with him. But she had a job to do. She wanted to return her poor father, King Bowser, to his throne.

So Luigi and Mario said good-bye to their friend Daisy. But who knows? Maybe the Mario brothers will meet her again someday.

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